

Comment to 08-82 by Carrell R. Killebrew, Jr.:

Changing the rules after many early adopters made investments in HDTV is disingenuous and clearly self-serving to the MPAA. If consumers wanted this rule change, where is their request?

With respect to the MPAA's rationale that this will benefit HDTV adoption by enabling earlier presentation of theatrical (movie) content on broadcast TV, that is clearly a misleading statement. The MPAA's clients, who are not the citizens that the commissioners are ultimately supposed to serve, can always choose to engage in activity which would potentially further the adoption of an HD ecosystem by choosing to take some risk for a limited period of time.

If anything it is fear and uncertainty created by the MPAA's continuous attempts to restrict the application of HD technology and the diminishment of fair-use that is retarding the HD ecosystem. Large scale piracy of an economically damaging nature is much more widely and easily based upon DVDs and Blu-Ray disc copying than broadcast usage.

The very nature of the MPAA's request is designed to obviate casual time-shifting and viewing in a modern American household where family members may have to watch the content at multiple different times.

Please reject the MPAA's request for changing the SOC provisions currently in effect.